



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Assembly Bill 774

Assembly Amendment 1

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Under *current law*, the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) administers the Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship Program, under which HEAB awards scholarships to certain students, on the basis of grade point average, who enroll full-time in a public or private higher education institution in Wisconsin. The recipients are exempt from paying tuition and fees for up to four years at a University of Wisconsin System (UWS) institution or three years at a Technical College System (TCS) institution.

Assembly Bill 774 extends eligibility for the academic excellence higher education scholarship to a student enrolled in a two-year, full-time vocational diploma program at a technical college. The program must be in an area designated and approved by the TCS Board for which the course requirements are established by the Board. The bill would first apply to scholarships originally awarded for the 2006-07 academic year.

Under *Assembly Amendment 1*, the initial applicability provision is modified to provide that the bill would first apply to scholarships originally awarded for the 2005-06 academic year.

Legislative History

The Assembly Committee on Workforce Development held a public hearing on the bill on November 17, 2005. In executive session on January 12, 2006, the committee voted to adopt Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 8 and Noes, 0. The committee then voted to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, also on a vote of Ayes, 8 and Noes, 0.

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